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# **RCMP mulls** charges as docs probed

FRAUD The RCMP is still assessing 35,000 pages of documents in an alleged mortgage fraud in Calgary before it decides if criminal charges are warranted.

A CBC story yesterday cited sources as saying the Bank of Montreal was told by authorities they were not pursuing the case, but RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Patrick Webb said that is

"We are still assessing thousands of pages of documents and we won't know until we are done," Webb said. "But to say that we have decided not to pursue the case is false.

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# Team Canada's Brent Burns, right, checks Team Latvia's Aleksandrs Nizivijs during third period action yesterday at the IIHF World Hockey Championship in Mannheim, Germany. Canada beat Latvia 6-1. More coverage, page 10.

# **Grass gets turfed**

Commonwealth Stadium's natural field replaced with artificial ground

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The Edmonton Eskimos realized that the grass isn't always greener on the Commonwealth field come November.

But that's all changing now that a new artificial turf is being installed in the stadium.

"This is a spectacular project that's a real win-win both for the city and the Eskimos," said Rob Smyth, branch manager, community facility services.

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"From the city's perspective, the real advantage of this kind of project is extending the use of turf."

Commonwealth's natural grass was taking so much abuse between football games, soccer games and concerts that the city had to re-sod it virtually every year, according to Smyth.

The new turf can last up to 10 years and even then, just the top layer of turf gets replaced, the underlay lasts forever.

"This is going to enable us to host a lot more events



Clark Builders crews were hard at work yesterday putting in artificial turf at Commonwealth Stadium.

and be able to transition between football and the other events that are hosted here," Smyth said.

'The other attraction is that this will free up Clarke Park for more com-

munity sport." Rick LeLacheur, Eskimos' president and CEO, said the turf being installed is the top generation of field turf. It's being used in two-thirds of NFL stadiums and many NCAA stadiums.

The price tag for the artificial turf is about \$2.6 million and the cost will be split between the city and the football club.

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# Low costs prompt affordable housing

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BUILDING While construction costs are down, the provincial government plans to build up lowincome families by supporting the affordable housing initiative.

The province announced its support for affordable housing units in Edmonton at Capital

Region Housing yesterday. To develop affordable rental units, the Alberta government has contributed \$6.4 million to three community part-ners, Capital Region Housing Corporation, Five Oaks Inc., and Native Counselling Services of Alberta. The move creates 62 affordable rental units in

"The next boom that we may have may be sooner to us than we actually think," said Jonathan Denis, minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, "And it is important because when we have construction costs that are low, and construction costs that are reasonable. that we take advantage and seize the day now.

"We can spread taxpayer dollars further by actually constructing and engaging in these affordable housing projects now for when the boom hits whenever it does "

More than 6,000 affordable housing units have been supported in the first two years of this initiative. and Alberta is on its way to reaching the 11,000 affordable housing unit goal by 2012.

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# Local



# The monster is loose

The bat is out of hell and coming to Edmonton. Famed rocker Meat Loaf is playing Rexall Place on July 29 promoting his new record, Hang Cool Teddy Bear. Ticket pre-sales start today and the rest go on sale to the general public this Friday. METRO EDMONTON

# **News** in brief

FIRE A woman in her 30s fell four floors from her burning apartment during a morning blaze vesterday. Fire crews responded to an apartment building at 90 Avenue and 99 Street at about 10:23 a.m. The woman, who was the occupant of the suite where the fire began, was taken to hospital by emergency crews. No information on her condition was available at press time. A man trapped on a fourth-floor balconv was rescued by a firefighter using an EPCOR bucket truck. The fire was under control in 40 minutes and declared out by 11:30 a.m. Fire investigators estimate that the blaze caused \$300,000 of damage.

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# Mayor calls for end to hate crimes

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The Alberta Hate Crimes Committee drove home the importance of reporting hate crimes at city hall

yesterday. Mayor Stephen Mandel proclaimed May 10 as Hate Crime Awareness Day in support of Alberta's Annual Crime Prevention Week and the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee's goal to make Alberta a hate-free province.

According to Stephan Camp, co-chair of the Alberta Hate Crime Commit"I think this is something that all citizens have to be aware of."

Stephen Mandel

tee, hate crimes are defined as a criminal offence committed against a person or property "which was motivated by a suspect's hate bias or prejudice towards the identifiable group."

Identifiable groups are those based on race, nationality, origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age,

mental or physical disability, and sexual orientation.

The city itself needs to understand that we are multicultural, multiracial, and have (many) sexual orientations as well," said Mayor Stephen Mandel.

"So we all need to work together to make this a better place, and we have developed an Office of Diversity, which has done a great job.
"I think this is some-

thing that all citizens have to be aware of and not take a back seat to this and say 'Well, that's just an OK joke' or 'That's OK to say' - it's unacceptable."



Mayor Stephen Mandel proclaims May 10 as Hate Crimes Aware ness Day at city hall yesterday. Stephan Camp, co-chair of the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee, waits to receive the plague commemorating the proclamation.

# 'Cream of the crop' of lightweight fighting coming to town: WEC chief

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MMA Edmonton fight fans have definitely been getting their fix lately thanks

ANDREAS MORSE

to all the promotions that have been hosted in the capital city over the last few months.

And perhaps the best of all is still to come.

Reed Harris, general manager and founder of World Extreme Cagefighting (WEC), was in town yesterday, along with a couple of his toughest fighters, to promote the WEC card at Rexall Place June 20.

The Edmonton mixed martial arts (MMA) card marks the first time the WEC has put on an event north of the border, and Harris believes it's overdue.

"Canada has been known within our busi-



Mark (The Machine) Hominick of Thamesford, Ont., was at Rexall Place yesterday taking part in a WEC press conference. Hominick will be fighting Montreal's Yves Jabouin in Edmonton on June 20.

ness to be probably one of the best places in the world to do an MMA show.

The UFC has been very successful." Harris said

"Dana White (UFC presi-

dent) has long said that the Canadian fans are probably some of the best fans in

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to find out on June 20 here at Rexall."

The WEC is essentially the UFC's second division. It boasts three different weight classes, 135-pound, 145-pound and 155-pound.

"On June 20 you're going to see probably the best lightweight fighters in the world competing in MMA," Harris said.

What people are going to see is really the cream of the crop as far as lightweight fighting goes.'

Tickets for the WEC event are on sale now.



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Indie darlings Broken Social Scene will bring their act to the Winspear Centre Oct. 9, according to brokensocialscene.ca. Tickets go on sale at the Winspear box office Friday. METRO EDMONTON

# Ball rolling on NorQuest growth | Police plan more

'No concrete timeline' yet as college secures funding

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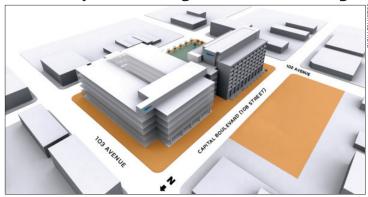
That's the hope for NorQuest College with its proposed expansion of its downtown campus. Plans call for a new building, the North Learning Centre, to be built directly north of the existing main building at 10215-108 St.

President and Wayne Shillington said the government is well aware of the institution's plans and that the ball is rolling to secure some funding, but that for the time being there is no concrete timeline.

"The project will be ready (to start) when the government is ready," he said.

A sustainable building

that would more than double NorQuest's existing onsite capacity, the North Learning Centre will face Capital Boulevard (108 Street), bounded by 103 Avenue and 107 Street. The 27,500-square-metre, five-



An artist's rending of the new North Learning Centre planned for NorQuest College.

# "As the economy starts to turn around we are already seeing demand for skills that are not there."

Wayne Shillington, NorQuest president

storey building will provide state-of-the-art smart classrooms, a daycare centre, a new library, food services and student activity space. The North Learning Centre will be connected at all levels with the existing Main Building. The vision is to modernize the downtown campus, incorporate green park space and serve as an anchor to the north leg of Capital Boulevard.

"We outgrew (our current space) a number of years Shillington said. "As the economy starts to turn around we are already seeing demand for skills that are not there.'

In recent years, the Government of Alberta has committed \$5 million toward updating the business case and planning activities for the new building. These will be submitted to government in July.

# downtown patrols

CRIME As the weather continues to improve, more and more people spending time in in the downtown core.

That's good news in terms of revitalization, but bad news when it comes to crime.

To help fight the growing problem, city police announced plans yesterday for an increase in police officer visibility and downtown foot patrols for the next few months.

"As the weather gets warmer and the summer festival season comes, we want to gear up with more resources," said David Veitch, superintendent of Downtown Division. "It's not just about the Churchill Square area, it kind of radiates out from there on to Jasper Avenue as well."

Last December police doubled the beats in the area around Churchill Square and the Stanley Milner Library. They went from 10 beats in the downtown area to 20 beats.

"In that given area there's probably about six beat foot

# "As the weather gets warmer and the summer festival season comes, we want to gear up with more resources."

David Veitch, Downtown Division superintendent

patrol members on at a time," Veitch said.

According to the superintendent about 30 per cent of all violence in the city occurs in the downtown division.

"About 30-40 per cent of

our work in the downtown division is around violence," he said.

Veitch hopes the increase in police presence will help reduce the workload.

"I see this problem getting better," he said.
"We've got some pretty
good strategies and people committed to the work.

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# Lt.-Gov. Kwong's portrait unveiled



Outgoing Lt.-Gov. Norman Kwong, second right, is shown with his wife, Mary, and three of their four sons, at the legislature building yesterday for the unveiling of his official portrait. The portrait will hang permanently on the third floor of the provincial capital building.

# **News** in brief

POSITION The U of A has a new vice-provost and dean of students. Frank Robinson has been holding the interim title for the last 22 months and will hold the position for a five-year term of office effective July 1. KITSCOTY An RCMP member in Kitscoty, Alta. suffered non-life threatening injuries while handling an explosive device within the detachment yesterday. The explosive was part of an investigation and the officer was holding it when it went off.

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# Sessions start today for role of disabled in workforce

SERIES The fourth instalment in the EmployAbilities 2010 Breakfast and Business series takes place this morning with a second session on May 13.

Bob MacDermott, manager of Community Homes, will talk to employers about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and how they as consumers contribute to our economy.

This is a no-cost breakfast

and business series funded by the government of Canada. It is focused towards business owners, business association executives and human resource profession-

This morning's breakfast starts at 7:15 at the Sawridge Inn on Edmonton's south side.

To register, contact Deborah Rose at 780-423-4106.

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Chevron Canada Ltd. has begun work on the deepest oil well yet drilled in Canadian waters. The drill ship Stena Carron started sinking the well Sunday night 430 kilometres northeast of St. John's. The company is promising to be careful in the wake of the current oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. METRO NEWS SERVICES



# Canada



# Williams sued over alleged sex attack

A woman is suing Col. Russell Williams for an alleged sexual attack. The 21-year-old plaintiff, identified only as Jane Doe, claims she has been suicidal and dealing with drug and alcohol dependencies since being attacked in her home on Sept. 17, 2009. She says in the suit she was terrified Williams would kill her or her infant daughter when Williams allegedly broke into her Tweed, Ont.-area home and tied her up, blindfolded her, forced into sexual acts and photographed her over two hours.

# **Guergis speaks**

Speaking out for the first time since Prime Minister Stephen Harper kicked her out of cabinet and the Tory caucus a month ago, Helena Guergis says she still doesn't know the reason why.

The beleaguered former junior cabinet minister told CBC's The National last night that she repeatedly pleaded with Harper to explain exactly what the allegations were against her.

But she said that neither Harper, nor a party lawyer he referred her to, have told her what she's accused of.

"I still don't know what it is I'm supposed to have done," Guergis told the CBC. Guergis, her voice breaking with emotion, said she's been hurt by Harper, who she thinks dislikes her husband, ex"I just kept saying, 'Well, what have I done?"

Helena Guergis, former Tory MP

Tory MP Rahim Jaffer.

"If he doesn't like my husband, which I think is pretty clear, that shouldn't damage my working relationship, especially in light of the

in light of the fact that I have done a good job," she said. Guergis told

CBC that in a phone call she received while on vacation, Harper referred to serious allegations of "criminal behaviour" without mentioning any specific al-

legation

"I just kept saying, 'Well, what have I done? Can you please tell me exactly what have I done, so that I can, I can address this."

Guergis had made only one public appearance — at a riding association meeting — since being turfed from cabinet on April 9. Harper has never publicly said what allegations compelled him to expel Guergis.

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# Canadian woman free to set own path

FREEDOM After 2½ years held against her will in Saudi Arabia by her father, described as a conservative Muslim who disapproved of her boyfriend, Canadian citizen Nazia Quazi has fi-

nally reached Dubai and was expected to be married by early this morning.

Her boyfriend, Bjorn Singhal, said in an interview from Dubai that he and Quazi, along with Nazia parents from both Quazi sides, planned to head to the courthouse there to file a marriage application.

Quazi arrived in Dubai yesterday after a years-long ordeal during which she agitated publicly to be released from her father's control. According to Quazi, her father took advantage of Saudi Arabia's male guardianship system — even though he's not of Saudi descent — and confiscated her travel documents

and refused to let R her go.

In the last few weeks, however, Quazi Malik Abdul Gaffar seems to have changed his mind.

Singhal, 29, said he and Quazi, 24, were nervous talking to the parents about the marriage, but that her father's attitude seemed to have changed.

"He hugged me, he spoke nicely to my mom. He said, 'I only wanted the kids' happiness."

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# Flaherty: EU plan 'credible'

FINANCE Canada's finance minister says the latest effort to contain a spreading government debt crisis in Europe, shore up the Euro and prevent the global economic recovery from derailing is "comprehensive and credible."

Jim Flaherty spent the weekend on the phone with many of his foreign counterparts as they discussed the latest economic crisis and the European Union's commitment of \$1 trillion to help prop up financially troubled governments.

"This was important in order to maintain confidence," said Flaherty.

"We're all watching the impact, particularly the European ministers. ... There are a few economies that need to fiscally consolidate. I expect some more discussions."

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## Mass grave unearthed in Serbia

A mass grave, believed to contain the bodies of 250 ethnic Albanians killed in Kosovo during the 1998-99 Serbian crackdown on separatists, has been found in Serbia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

Obama nominates Harvard law dean

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday nominated 50-year-old former Harvard law dean Elena Kagan to a lifetime seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, an appointment that could leave his mark on the high court for decades. If confirmed by the Senate, Kagan would become the third woman on the nine-member court, replacing the consensus-building Justice John Paul Stevens, who is 90 and retiring. Kagan was unlikely to change the political balance of the court but would energize its liberal wing.

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# Iraq **Deadly day**

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An Iraqi soldier stands guard at the site of a bombing in the southern Shiite port city of Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 550 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, yesterday. Police said the southern city was hit with three bombings, the latest in a series of attacks killing nearly 100 people across Iraq, making yesterday the deadliest day this year.

# Sunday school teacher pleads guilty to murder

A Sunday school teacher accused of kidnapping, raping and killing an eight-year-old playmate of her daughter,

then stuffing the body in a suitcase, pleaded guilty yesterday to murder. Melissa



Melissa Huckaby, Huckaby

29, entered the guilty plea in San Joaquin County Superior Court to a charge of firstdegree murder with a special circumstance of kidnapping.

As part of a deal with prosecutors, all other charges — including two involving rape and lewd or

lascivious conduct with a child under 14 — were dropped.

Huckaby now faces a sentence of 25 years to life in prison without the possibility of parole when she's sentenced June 14.

Authorities say Huckaby killed Sandra Cantu, a playmate of her young daughter, in March 2009. A search for the girl ended after 10 days when her body was found stuffed in a black suitcase pulled from an irrigation pond a few kilometres from the mobile home park where both the child and the defendant lived.

Sandra was last seen on a surveillance camera skipping near her home five doors down from Huckaby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Oil spill cleanup could take weeks

GULF OF MEXICO A remotecontrolled submarine shot a chemical dispersant into the maw of a massive undersea oil leak yesterday, evidence that authorities expect the gusher to keep erupting into the Gulf for weeks or more. Crews using the deep-sea robot attempted to thin the oil, rushing up from the seabed at a pace of about 795,000 litres a day after getting approval from the Environmental Protection Agency. Workers were simultaneously drilling a relief well, the solution considered most permanent, but expected take up to three months. At least 13.3 million litres were believed to have leaked since an April 20 drilling rig blast killed 11.

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# **Brown announces** he'll resign by fall

Gordon Brown made a bid to keep his Labour Party in power, after it was punished in elections last week, announcing he will resian by September even if the Liberal Democrats decide to join his party in government.

The news comes as David Cameron's Conservatives - which won the most seats in Parliament but fell short of a majority struggled in their attempts to win over Liberal

Brown's party is support-ing the Liberal Democrats' demand for an overhaul of the voting system toward proportional representation, which would greatly increase that party's future seat tallies.

But evening brought a further twist with a counteroffer from the Conservatives of a referendum on a less dramatic type of electoral reform.

While uncertainty pre-vails, to the displeasure of the markets, one thing appears certain: The career



"As leader of my party, I must accept that is a judgment on me," British Prime Minster Gordon Brown said yesterday.

# **Brown's decline**

 Brown accepts blame for his Labour Party's loss of 91 seats in last week's election and its failure to win a parliament majority.

of Brown, who waited a decade to become prime minister, is winding to an end.

He accepted blame for

Labour's loss of 91 seats and its failure to win a parliamentary majority.

No other party won outright, resulting in the first "hung Parliament" since 1974 and triggering a scramble between Brown's Labour and the main opposition Conservatives to broker a coalition, or an informal partnership, with the Liberal Democrats.

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# Germany The passion play



Frederik Mayet performs as Jesus during a dress rehearsal of the passion plays 2010 in the theatre of Oberammergau, Germany, yesterday. More than 2,000 citizens of this Bavarian village participate in the century-old play of the suffering of

Christ, staged every 10 years and dating back to 1634.

# Four dead in twister outbreak

U.S. MIDWEST Four people were killed yesterday in an outbreak of violent weather that dropped tornadoes across Oklahoma, tossing cars off highways and flipping mobile homes, officials said.

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokesman Jerry Lojka said one person was killed in Oklahoma City and three were killed in Tecumseh, which is about 45 miles (72 kilometres) southeast. The agency did not have any additional details, including how the people died.

Officials reported that at least seven others suffered mainly minor injuries in the daylong onslaught, which forecasters had predicted since last week.

The storms were part of a violent weather system that also spawned twisters in Kansas and elsewhere. In Tecumseh, police had cordoned off damaged areas.

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# **News** in brief

PHILIPPINES Sen. Benigno Aquino III, the son of Philippine democracy icons. took an early, commanding lead in presidential polls on a promise to begin prosecuting corrupt officials within weeks to restore credibility to the country's graft-ridden government agencies. Turnout was 75 per cent among about 50-million eliaible voters, the **Elections Commission said** 

U.S. A 12-metre sculpture in rural Maryland of three New York City firefighters raising the U.S. flag at ground zero is being offered on eBay, but there's a catch: You can't take it home The buyer will be recognized on a plaque as having donated the statue to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Bidding on the towering tribute to heroes of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will start

tomorrow and end May 22, said Pat Huddleston, the receiver in an investment fraud case involving the sculpture. The auction will start at \$500,000, he said. Proceeds will benefit defrauded investors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Black cloud hovering once aga



t was just a year and a half ago that Liberal Jean Charest won a majority government in Quebec. That was nice, we all thought. All was well with federalism. The separatist movement would be on its derriere

for many more years to come. The next election wasn't due until 2013.

As for Charest, it was smooth sailing. He was doing so well that there was talk of him leaving the provincial scene one day and perhaps returning to Ottawa. He was a former Tory leader and could perhaps become leader of that party again. Or, being a Liberal, he could perhaps lead that federal formation.

Politics being politics, all has gone awry. Charest is in the dumpster, the Parti Québécois is leading in Quebec, an election could be called within a year or two, and the separatists could be back in power.

In politics two things can rock a government — scandal and a bad budget. One is punishing enough. Get two in the same time frame and look out. That's what has happened to Charest's Liberals. They've had both.

Given that the setbacks have happened early in his five-year term, there would normally be time to recover. But that's not necessarily the case. The Liberal majority in Quebec is ra-zor thin. The National Assembly has 125 seats and Charest has 66 of them. But discount the Speaker, a member with cancer and a member who has just been expelled and he's down to 63, a one-seat majority. Given a defection or two, or byelection losses, and the majority is gone.

Charest has launched an inquiry into allegations by his former justice minister that the appointment of judges was being dictated by Liberal bagmen. Last

week came another bombshell when Charest expelled Tony Tomassi, a cabinet member caught up in allegations of kickbacks. Before all this, Charest's belt-tightening budget, designed to attack deficit, squeezed too tight on most stomachs and was met with public scorn.

The latest poll shows Pauline Marois' Québécois winning a majority with 41 per cent of the vote. The Liberals are at 30 per cent. It need be remembered also that the separatists are doing well

at the federal level with the Bloc Québécois hold-ing a big lead over federalist formations.

For many years, the sovereignty option has been dormant. It was a pleasant respite. The country was able to get on with other things without that black cloud overhead.

But so much for the respite. In the space of a couple of months, the black cloud has returned.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

# **Worth mentioning**

# Who isn't using the Internet in Canada?

A new Statistics Canada study released yesterday found 80 per cent of Canadi-ans aged 16 and older, or 21.7 million people, used the Internet for personal reasons last year, up from 73 per cent in 2007.

Among young people aged 16 to 24, only two out of every 100 said they didn't send an email, surf the web or visit Facebook last year.

"There's an age group where the usage is approaching saturation, there's very little room to grow," said Statistics Canada analyst Ben Veenhof, who added that not only are more people going online,

Of those who identified themselves as Internet users, 75 per cent said they were online every single day, up from 68 per cent in 2007. Fifty-five per cent said they used the Internet for five hours or more in a typical week, compared with 49 per cent in 2007.

but they're staying there longer.

While Newfoundland and Labrador and New Brunswick had the lowest percentages of citizens online, with 69 and 73 per cent, they had the largest growth since 2007 with 15 per cent increases. The highest rates of Internet users at 85 per cent were in both British Columbia and Alberta, followed by 81 per cent in Ontario.

Calgary and Saskatoon were the most online-savvy cities, with web-usage rates at 89 per cent apiece.

A similar proportion of men (81 per cent) and women (80 per cent) used the Internet in 2009.

Internet measurement company comScore estimates just more than 22

million Canadians used the Internet in the last month. or about 73 per cent of the population older than 15 years of age. Spokesman Bryan Segal said the days of seeing significant growth in the number of Canadian Internet users are probably near over.

Statistics Canada suggested email was the most popular online activity among Canadian Internet users -93 per cent said they emailed, 78 per cent said they browsed the web, and 75 per cent said they used the Internet for checking the weather or traffic.

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# Markets respond to good news

Stock markets closed sharply higher yesterday as investors breathed a sigh of relief that the European Union is taking aggressive action to protect the euro currency and deal with a severe government debt crisis.

The S&P/TSX composite index jumped 255.47

# Rebound

• The financial sector of the Toronto stock market was up 2.28 per cent after falling back last week on fears the

points to 11,947.9 after the EU and the International Monetary Fund pledged to

growing debt crisis could spark a freeze in credit markets similar to what happened in the fall of 2008.

make nearly \$1 trillion US available in loans if needed to defend the currency and

the eurozone.

However, some analysts warned that although the moves are good news, it doesn't mean the problem that started as a Greek debt crisis and morphed into wider worries about government default is gone.

The good news from Europe came after markets

fell heavily last week on worries that the debt crisis would spread from Greece to other countries with unsustainably high debt levels.

But gains on the Toronto market yesterday made up just half of last week's four per cent slide on the TSX.

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Cinram president and chief executive officer Steven Brown looks on during the company's annual general meeting yesterday in Toronto.

# Disc manufacturer looks to new digital markets

MEDIA Cinram International Income Fund is branching out from its base as a worldwide CD and DVD manufacturer and now plans to start handling digital rights and distribution for both music and movies.

Chief executive Steve Brown unveiled the strategy yesterday at Cinram's annual meeting in Toronto, without disclosing any financial details or specific

He said the move will be part of a broadening of the slate of products Cinram offers, which already includes manufacturing discs, as well as packing and distributing mobile phones for Motorola.

It also marks a major change for the company's ideology, which has traditionally revolved around the manufacture of physical discs, even as CD sales eroded and the DVD boom started to drop off around the same time the economy faltered.

Brown did not suggest that Cinram will immediately move from its main focus on discs. He told investors that the company now has the capability to produce high-definition 3-D Blu-Ray discs, a product that is relatively new to the home entertainment market.

Cinram has been working to contend with a downturn in the sale of CDs and DVDs in recent years and the pending loss of a major customer this Summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Alleged schemer cries poor

LEGAL AID An alleged fraudster who calls himself the Chinese Warren Buffett says he needs legal aid to pay for his defence.

Ahead of his Toronto court appearance yesterday, Weizhen Tang said he is prevented from trading and his money has been frozen.

Tang, 51, is charged with fraud amid allegations he ran a \$30-million Ponzi scheme that defrauded dozens of investors in Canada, the U.S., and China.

After a brief judicial pretrial meeting behind closed doors, the case was put over until June 15.

Outside court today Tang maintained his innocence, saying his fund lost less than 20 per cent of its value, which he says is less than financial institutions lost during the recession.

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# Montana Medical marijuana shop bombed



Police and fire departments investigate the scene of a fire bomb that was thrown through the front door of Montana Therapeutics, a medical marijuana store in Billings, Mont., early yesterday morning. The fire was quickly put out. Billings police are investigating. The Billings City Council was scheduled to vote last night on whether to place a moratorium on medical marijuana businesses. The city has issued more than 80 business licences for the stores.

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# Ontario and B.C. will lead rest of country to economic recovery: Report

ECONOMY Outstanding economic growth in Ontario and British Columbia — the provinces that will be hit with a controversial new tax regime this summer — will lead a nationwide recovery from last year's downturn, the Conference Board of Canada has predicted in a report.

Ontario and B.C. will see

Ontario and B.C. will see their economies grow by 3.8 per cent over last year, despite the planned introduction of the harmonized sales tax on July 1 expected to raise consumer prices in both provinces, the private-sector economic forecaster said in its Provincial Outlook report

published yesterday.

Overall, the Canadian economy's gross domestic product is expected to be up 3.2 per cent compared with last year, which began with one of the deepest recessions in decades following the financial crisis that erupted in the final months of 2008.

"Considering the epic collapse of the global economy in 2008 and 2009, Canada's situation today is remarkably good," the board said in its provincial outlook.

The Conference Board expects growth to be even stronger in 2011, advancing to 3.3 per cent, as increasing private capital invest-

ment and improving trade performance offset subsiding federal and provincial government spending.

Last year was especially hard on Ontario, because of problems in the auto industry — including the temporary closures of virtually all North American factories owned by General Motors and Chrysler — and the broader manufacturing sector

But employment has risen since the second half of 2009 and recovery in the labour market will bolster consumer spending on bigticket items in the province, the report said.

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# **Business** in brief

TECH Rogers is taking fire from customers after backtracking on an offer to allow iPhone and other smartphone customers to share their data connections with Apple's upcoming iPad device. FAST FOOD McDonald's Corp reported a 4.9 per cent rise in worldwide April sales at established restaurants, boosted by strength in Europe, and its shares rose about four per cent.

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**Your Money** 

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# How to make your passion pay



onsider the contest queen. Her name is Carolyn Wilman, an Öshawa, Ont., resident with a marketing background who's won everything from kilograms of Goldfish crackers to a trip to the set of a Harry Potter movie in England.

Wilman began entering contests not only for fun but to balance motherhood with the always important task of creating some income. In her quest for free goodies she even combed neighbours' recycling boxes for the pin codes on packages to enter manufacturers' website contests.

I know, you're thinking dumpster diver! But wait for what happened next. She parlayed her passion insite with tips (www.contestqueen.com) and a consultation service to companies to create and improve their promotion strategies.

I love oddities and this story particularly appealed to me because Wilman took something she already liked to do and turned it into a paying proposition.

Her story should be encouraging to those who've lost a job, are reluctantly considering a return to work after having a baby or who are just plain sick of the rat race and want to do something different.

If you count yourself among the above group then I suggest you start by doing an inventory of your life. List your skills, hobbies, passions, education, training and resources. Put particular emphasis on what makes you feel good.

Then start thinking about how you might meld these interests and strengths into something that can make you some money and feed your soul at the same time.

Don't hesitate to share your inventory with your

# Alison's Money

 With a little creativity and a lot of determination it is possible to make your passion pay.

friends and family. They may provide you with unexpected insight or make connections that you don't see.

But be practical! Don't expect to quit your day job tomorrow. Test your big idea out in your spare time and don't get stuck on one course of action. Let the notion breath, change and grow.

Do you have a passion that might pay or already does? Tell me about it. I'll collect your stories and pass them on to feed the ideas of others.

Alison Griffiths is a financial journalist, author and host of Maxed Out on the W Network. Write to her at griffiths.alison@gmail.com.

# Some investors overreacting to European debt crisis

id all investors fearful of this market move to higher ground last week? I do not believe so.

In fact, most savvy investors in my belief were buying into this market at lower levels while the traders and technical analysts with their computer models sold out, driving the market lower. Thus the fear that is talked about, for the meantime, in my estimation, has been acted upon by the institutional investor and not the retail investor.

I believe the selloff to be overdone at this point (that is why the market rebounded so strongly yesterday). By no means am I belittling



the problems in Europe, but I do not believe that there is any evidence at this time that the debt issues could spread. Spain just reported positive growth numbers and has had a successful bond offering to raise capital in the last week.

Investors that sold on last week's events are ignoring the general positives in the North American markets.

In Canada and in the U.S.,

"Most savvy investors ... were buying into this market at lower levels while traders and technical analysts with their computer models sold out."

we are now seeing positive job growth, companies re-porting great earnings exceeding in most cases any estimates — and a consumer that seems to want to spend their money.

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# Texans owner says he knew Cushing had 'issue' with league

Houston Texans owner Robert McNair said he knew during the 2009 season that linebacker Brian Cushing had "an issue" with the NFL, but had no details from the league of what it concerned. Cushing was suspended by the league last week for violating its steroid policy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports



# Crash, injury not linked: Woods

Tiger Woods says there is "zero connection" between the neck pain that forced him to withdraw from The Players Championship and his Nov. 27 car accident. Woods said during a news conference yesterday that his neck started bothering him two weeks before the Masters, his first competition in five months. He brushed it off as "no big deal" until it kept getting worse.

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# Canada wins game, but loses captain

**HOCKEY** Canada managed to win one game without captain Ryan Smyth at the IIHF World Hockey Championship. Now a young team has to focus on winning a gold medal for him

News that the man known as Captain Canada would be sidelined for the remainder of the tournament quickly overshadowed the team's 6-1 win over Latvia yesterday.

When Smyth rolled his ankle in Sunday's practice and missed the morning skate, it was thought he'd probably sit out a game or two. How-ever, an MRI revealed a fracture in his left ankle that will require four to six weeks of recovery.

Many of Smyth's teammates didn't find out about the severity of his injury until after the win over Latvia.

"He's going to be missed, but there's guys in that room that can step up and fill his role," said forward Corey Perry, who had three assists in the game.

There's guys waiting to play the minutes he was playing. We've got to be ready to play for him."

Coach Craig MacTavish indicated that a new captain would likely be named.

One of the team's four alternates would make the most sense: Perry; Ray Whitney; Steven Stamkos; or Francois Beauchemin.

The team will have to play tomorrow's game against Switzerland with the 11 forwards and eight defencemen it currently has, but general manager Mark Messier will have to option to add two more skaters after that.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **Sports** in brief

NBA The Orlando Magic are playing like a team that will settle for nothing less than its first NBA championship. Vince Carter scored 22 points to lead another dominating performance by the Magic. which finished off its second straight playoff sweep with a 98-84 victory over the Atlanta Hawks last night.

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# Cammalleri delivers

Nets two goals as Canadiens force Game 7 against Penguins

(Series tied 3-3)

**Penguins 3 Canadiens 4** 





Michael Cammalleri scored his 10th and 11th goals of the playoffs as the **Montreal Canadiens** staved off NHL playoff elimination with a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins last night.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins had closed out five straight playoff series on the road, but with the best-of-seven series tied 3-3, they will now have to try to take this on home ice in Game 7 tomorrow night.

Defenceman Spacek, back after missing nine games with a virus, scored and Maxim Lapierre added the eventual game winner in the third period for Montreal, which entered the playoffs as the eighth and last seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Canadiens will play a seventh game for a second series in a row after taking top-seeded Washington the distance in the opening

Montreal defenceman Hal



Montreal Canadien P.K. Subban fights for control of the puck with Pittsburgh Penguin Sidney Crosby last night in Montreal. Crosby scored his first goal of the series, but Montreal still won 4-3.

# Blue-line shuffle

• Hal Gill tested his leg in the pre-game warm-up and was not able to play, but Jaroslav Spacek returned and

took his old spot on a pair with Roman Hamrlik, while Josh Gorges paired with P.K. Subban.

Gill, who left Game 5 after suffering a skate cut behind a knee, sat out and perhaps not coincidentally, Pitts-

burgh star Sidney Crosby ended his six-game scoring slump. More than 70 per cent of Crosby's shifts had

been against the rangy Gill. Kris Letang and Bill Guerin, who scored while Marc-Andre Fleury was pulled for an extra attacker, had the other goals for the Penguins. Pittsburgh outshot the Canadiens 37-25.

The crowd of 21,273 got into the game early as Cammalleri scored on the first shot of the game at 1:13.

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# Flyers lose Boucher, but Leighton steps up

(Boston leads series 3-2)

Flyers 4 Bruins 0





Michael Leighton came off the bench after Brian Boucher was injured and made 14 saves to complete the combined shutout last night, leading Philadelphia to a 4-0 victory over the Boston Bruins and helping the Flyers avoid elimination in Game 5 of the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinals.

Boucher left after injuring his knee at the bottom of a pileup in the crease at 4:35 of the second period. Leighton, who had been the starter before he was injured on March 16, made his first career play-



Philadelphia Flyers left-winger Scott Hartnell, right, watches the puck fly past Boston Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask last night in Boston. Ville Leino, centre, was credited with the goal.

off appearance and finished off the first combined shutout in the Fly-

ers' post-season history. Simon Gagne, who Simon Gagne, who scored in overtime to win Game 4, scored two goals, and Ville Leino had a goal and an assist to help the Flyers force the series back

to Philadelphia for a sixth game tomorrow night. If they win, it's back to Boston for a decisive Game

The 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders are the only NHL teams to come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a

best-of-seven playoff se-

Tuukka Rask stopped 27 shots for Boston, which missed a second chance to clinch the series and advance to the conference finals for the first time since 1992.

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# **Negotiations** break down in Glendale. **CBC** reports

**COYOTES** Negotiations between the city of Glendale and Ice Edge Holdings to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes have broken down, according to a CBC report.

CBC said on yesterday's Hockey Night in Canada broadcast that Ice Edge did not get an exclusivity agreement with Glendale, which the group required to continue negotiations. The city had been given a Monday deadline to grant Ice Edge exclusivity.

CBC's Jeff Marek quoted an Ice Edge spokesman, saying the organization would "leave their phones on, but their pencils are down."

Glendale resumed negoti-ations with Ice Edge, a group of Canadian and American businessmen, for a lease at the Jobing.com arena last week after a deal with Chicago sports mogul Jerry Reinsdorf fell though.

Last month, the city of Glendale voted unanimously (6-0) in favour of Reinsdorf's proposal to buy the struggling Coyotes and voted 5-1 against Ice Edge's

The team is currently operated by the NHL, which purchased the team in U.S. Bankruptcy Court last fall. The Winnipeg Jets

moved to Arizona in 1996, but the franchise has never turned a profit in the desert.

If Ice Edge can't come to terms with Glendale, it is possible the NHL will instead move quickly to finalize a purchase agreement with Canadian billionaire David Thomson and move the team back to Winnipeg. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Learning Curve

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# Know the real costs | Student loans or RRSPs? Do the math

New students at college or university may think tuition plus rent equals the total cost of studying, but experts warn of hidden expenses that can increase costs by as much as 30 per cent.

Jeannine Mitchell, pub-sher of Studentfilisher nance101.org, says the interest on student loans adds often uncalculated long-term costs. It may be interest-free while you're studying, but a government student loan can rise to 7.75 per cent interest when you've graduated.

students borrow \$20,000, they often think that is what they will repay. But when you factor in the interest costs, that may be a \$30,000 loan — or more. she warns. That goes

for groceries and nights out tucked away on your credit card, too, and you won't get school-years reprieve on that interest.

A four-year degree often takes five or six years as students change programs, get sick, or just have a hard time getting the required courses to line up. That will jack up the costs of living in an unplanned way, she says.

She recommends dents stay at home. if that's an

> tion, consult with their parents or older siblings to get a re-

"If students borrow \$20,000 ... when you factor in the interest costs, that may be a \$30,000 loan — or more."

Jeannine Mitchell, studentfinances101.org

alistic idea of how much it costs to live independently

Kavita Ioshi of the Royal Bank of Canada says "insidious costs" can quickly run up. That includes

easily avoided time-management issues like spending money on lunch every day instead of packing one the night before

She points students to the Better Student Life (betterstudentlife.ca/Calculator.html), which tells students how long their money will last. A recent poll found 35 per cent of students would run out of cash by Christmas.

'We can't influence the tuition reality, but we can as

bankers ... have a fulsome discussion to help (students) get a good understand of their financial reality and think of some of the additional costs," she says.

Tom Hamza of the not-forprofit Investor Education (GetSmarterAbout-Money.ca) has seen students, overwhelmed by mounting debt accrued buying books, computers and just paying the bills, drop out, meaning they don't get that degree or diploma and lose what money they've in-

He urges students to sit down with the "big b-word": budget. "When you do that, you're much more comfortable with the level of debt you assume," he says. "It's an investment in yourself and you shouldn't despair."

University graduates typically leave school nowadays with a degree and some debt (which is often in the form of student loans). Although retirement may be a long time away, the question of whether to start an RRSP or focus on paying

down one's student loan is an important

"I think it's

one.

sooner not an either or, it's an and than later (situation), Patricia savs Lovett-Reid, the senior vice president for TD Waterhouse Canada.

With the role compound interest and time play in building up an RRSP, it is ideal to start one sooner rather than later, while at the same time paying off

However, if a person's financial situation doesn't allow for it, the focus must

be on paying down debt.

To make the decision,

it's crucial to do the math. "How much does it cost you to have borrowed the money versus if you invest it with time and compound interest working for you? How much further ahead will you be?" says Lovett-Reid.

For someone with credit card debt, this is a nobrainer because credit cards typically have interest rates of 18 per cent or higher.

'If you're only getting six to eight per cent on your investments, it's a pretty easy decision," she says.

"You're going to apply any extra money you have to the highest paying debt because you want to retire that sooner.

Lovett-Reid recommends people speak with a financial planner to figure out the numbers and deter-

mine what's best for their individ-**Start your** ual circumstances.
The amount **RRSP** 

of risk a person is comfortable with will also help determine what they do, says Ryan Churchill, a financial planner with BMO in Hali-

For someone who is risk averse, he says they're probably going to focus on paying down their student loans because they're not going to achieve a significant rate of return on a guaranteed investment certificate (GIC).

fax.

But he cautions if people wait until they're debt free to save, they probably won't.

"Most people always have debt," says Churchill. 'If you wait to pay off the debt before you save, you'll



# 4 tips to help you save cash during school

KEITH CARMAN for Metro Canada

Saving money seems like a pipe dream for many students. With tuition, supplies, travel and a modicum of socializing, scholastics feels like spending dollars on the premise of making dimes. Still, with a few easily seared corners from buyused/borrowing to thrifty eats, many cash-strapped undergrads use these basic principles to

prepare for rainy days.
"I do (these things) on a dav-to-day basis, saving the most amount of money so I can use (it) to purchase and do other things I really enjoy," notes Robert Cerjanec, President of Founders College Student Council, at York University in Toronto.

Of course living at home is always the most financially feasible prospect, provided it's an option and doesn't destroy you psychologically.

Borrow from the library

"Most course (text)books are available either on the shelves or in the reserves." Cerjanec smiles, adding that even nights in can be free if one utilizes the library DVD/CD collection.

## Bring food from hom

Live at home? Pack a lunch and a thermos. On campus? When home, shop at the original Mom 'N' Pop's, provided you don't clean them out.

## Share pitche

You can't be a hermit, but go for value when socializnights, which become even cheaper when dividing the cost of drinks.

student discount

## Buy used/sale items

From texts to textiles, used means inexpensive. Cerjanec offers thrift stores as an option. "It might be harder to find what you want, but if you look, you can find some really nice clothes at a fraction of the cost either on the sale rack or at a recycled clothing store.



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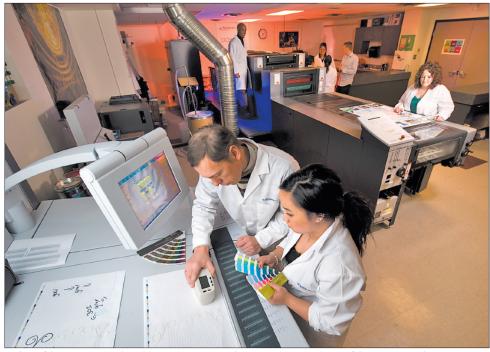


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# Keeping print relevan

bly high-tech and

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While the news around town is that print is a flailing industry, there's a program at an Alberta college that is helping it stay alive.

Norquest College's Centre for Excellence in Print Media in Edmonton was named one of the top 101 events to have helped shape Canada's print in-dustry by PrintAction Magazine

"We're really excited that we've been recognized as a major event, especially because we only started in 2008," said Josh Ramsbottom, co-ordinator of the Centre for Excellence in Print Media.

"This shows that there's a real need for the centre and that makes me really happy.

Looking at a long list of

print-related events since the beginning of the century, PrintAction Magazine editor Jon Robinson said they recognized the centre because of its holistic ap-

proach to the "It's not just the moving print industry old-fashioned forward. "It's really a newspaper man in

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ple," Robinson explained.
"It's important to give somewhere to go younger people to learn about the industry, but it's also very important for professionals already in print to continue learning, which the centre is also doing."

"We're trying to make a work-force-ready graduate with our program, but we also provide a number of

professional development classes for those who have been working in print for a while now we're trying to keep print relevant."

Ramsbottom

said. "The exciting part is that students, industry own-

ers and employees can come to Edmonton and experience new technolo-

Ramsbottom said a common misconception is that the term "print" is only limited to newspapers and magazines.

"It's much more than that," he said.

"It's not just the old-fashioned newspaper man in western movies, wearing an apron covered in ink. Print has become incredibly high-tech and it's every-where — in brochures, on billboards, in books.'

Since the program's inception, Ramsbottom said they have invested close to \$3.5 million for new software and technology. He said they continue to work with other schools and industry from around the world to stay current and in the fast-paced industry.

So is print dead? "No, print is not dead," Ramsbottom said adamant-

ly.
"There are so many different options now. It's not dead - it just has a bunch of different new faces.

# Assignment wins film award, opens doors

YONATHAN SUMAMO

Two years after graduation, and a local filmmaker admits that the Design Studies Program at Grant MacEwan University is still generating many opportunities for him.

Award-winning Sorin Mihailovici graduated from the program in 2008. As a final assignment for his Mo-Image tion

program, he handed in The 419 Nigerian Scam, a short on film character who is financially ruined pesky email scams that often clutter the inbox.

Since then, the short film has generated much attento Mihailovici's talent as a film-He Grant MacEwan grad Sorin Mimaker.

the hailovici says his program genwon award for erates career opportunities Best Student

Film at the Rappahannock Film Festival in Virginia in

The film was also presented at the 2008 Edmonton International Film Fest and the 2009 West Hollywood International Film Festival.

Not bad for a class assignment

His diploma from Grant MacEwan landed him at OMNI Television as an independent production coordinator, but he said that multiple filmmakers still often reach him.

"Career wise, I'm getting approached by established producers now to collaborate with them on a regular basis," he said.

But Mihailovici is not new to the art of story telling. and his education from Grant MacEwan is not the sole source for his award winning work.

He was a journalist in his home country of Romania, and worked as a reporter for a Romanian national television station when he first came to Edmonton in 2001.

But after a few years in Edmonton, Mihailovici wanted to extend his education and the Design Studies Program seemed to be

⊯ the choice.

The program is described as a diploma, in that the first year is more general and a lead up to the more intense final two years. those

years, there is the choice to specialize in one of five streams: Photography, illustration, exhibit presentation, digital media, what Mi-

hailovici chose, Motion Image

"It's a great program, I would definitely take it all over again," Mihailovici said.

And for those who have loved 419: The Nigerian Scam, the fact that Mihailovici is working on a new project will come as great news.

Along side his work on OMNI, he is also working on the script for a fulllength film on something that is somewhat cultural-

ly timely.
"It's on computer addiction," he said. "Virtual life has started to take over real life. So many people prefer to live a second life or a virtual life versus developing real social skills."

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# Taking solar technology higher

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When Karthik Shankar walks through a forest, he sees much more than just trees and plants.

"I see a hierarchy of nanostructures when I look at trees," said the assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Alberta. "I almost take them for granted because nanostructures are everywhere in nature."

But it is this unique view of his surroundings that has inspired Shankar to look at increasing the amount of energy produced by solar panels by converting semiconductors to nanostructures and com-bining them with metallic nanoparticles. This combination results in a lowercost, solar cell that absorbs

more light — from ultra violet to infrared — more ef-

ficiently.

This idea has led to Shankar being given the Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award as well as \$20,000 in grant money to make his vision a reality.

"It's very exciting to win this award." said the India native, who plans on using the grant money to purchase new equipment and fund a graduate student to help with the work. "I think it might be eight to 10 years before this technology is fully developed, but this is definitely a good beginning."

Shankar said that he feels lucky to be in Alberta and at the U of A doing this research.

"I think there's growing interest in this province and the U of A is one of the best places to be doing this



A University of Alberta assistant professor hopes to use his knowledge of nanostructures to develop a more efficient solar panel.

work," he said. "We have the Alberta NanoFab on campus and it's one of the most recognized nano fabrication research facilities in the country.

"This research in nanostructures is a step ahead of what's coming out there," he added. "It's on the frontier of nanotechnology.'

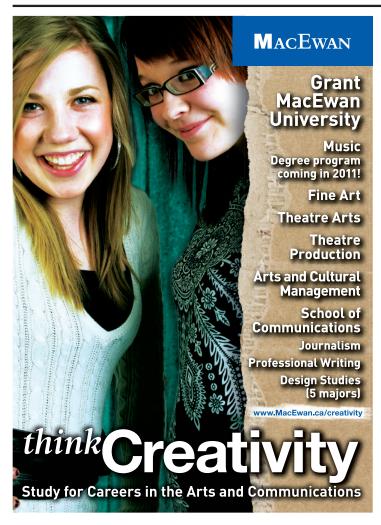
Shankar explained that not only will this use of nanostructures create a more efficient, clean source of energy, but they provide some significant spin-off benefits as well.

"If we add nanostructure semiconducter particles to

water, we can break down pollutants when the sunlight hits it," he said. "The sunlight will "crack" the hy-

dro carbons in the water. Shankar said he also hopes that his work will increase understanding of nanostructures and nanotechnology within the public.

"It's an area that will become more and more relevant to our daily lives," he said. "There is such a range of applications and opportunities to use nanostructures because they everywhere — the possibilities are almost endless."





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# A place to belong

Run helps boost U of A's Camp fYrefly

ANDREW COWIE for Metro Edmonton

A summer camp focused on creating a positive environment for sexual minorities and gender variants got a little financial boost from a race in red.

The University of Alberta's Camp fYrefly, now in its seventh year, was chosen by Edmonton's Hash House Harriers to be the recipient of their annual Red Dress Run which was held last Saturday.

Carl Busch, program coordinator for Camp fYrefly said his program and the Hash House Harriers worked closely after fYrefly was chosen. "We've been working closely with the community and getting our word out. So far it's been really beneficial," said Busch. "If we can get our word out to more people then they can tell others."

The run is designed to help a specific group or charity each year, and with assistance and aid going to fYrefly this time, Busch



Camp fYrefly, run by the University of Alberta, offers a safe place for sexual and gender minority youth.

said it will do more than just help kids get to a summer camp.

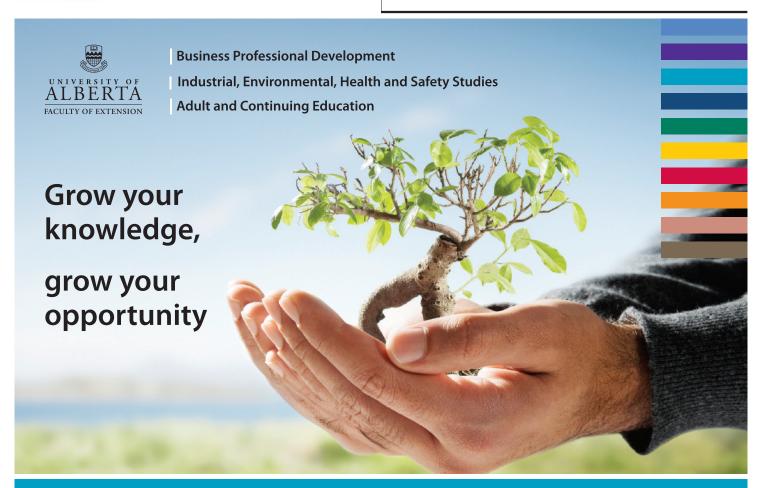
"It's not just a program that changes lives, it saves them," said Busch. "These youths come to us feeling alone ... to know other people like them and understand the issues they've dealt with — it's really important."

The camp started as a day program and morphed into its current incarnation after youth told the staff said they couldn't find a program like this for a summer camp.

Busch said that the program is vital in showing the kids attending that they're not alone in their day to day problems, which is crucial in getting their them through difficult issues.

"(These kids) do get bullied for their sexual orientation," said Busch. "It's really important to get the word out on the difficulties the youth go through and support them through programs like fYrefly."

Camp fYrefly runs from July 22-25. For more information, visit their website at fyrefly.ualberta.ca.



#### Taylor Swift is Covergirl's new, well, covergirl

The 20-year-old multi-platinum singer just finished shooting her first ad campaign for the beauty giant. The images are scheduled to be released in Jan. 2011 when she'll start representing a new line of luxury Covergirl products. METRO NEWS SERVICES



# Health & Beauty

# Not all fat is created equal

CELIA MILNE for Metro Canada

If you have thin hips and a big belly — the famous muffin top — you're prob-ably more at risk for disease than someone with a big bum and a small waist.

While you can't change your shape, you can shave off that belly fat by running and walking.

The dangerous fat is visceral fat, which lurks inside us, padding the spaces between our abdominal organs. It's far more sinister than regular (subcuta-neous) fat, which lies between the skin and the abdominal wall -- and jiggles

when move. 100 200

fat is more biologically active than skin fat, meaning it doesn't just sit there — it produces hormones and other chemicals that affect blood fat levels, promoting diabetes and high blood pressure," says Dr. Arya Sharma, a doctor in Edmonton and scientific director for the Canadian Obesity Network.

He points out that visceral fat can cause thickening in the arteries leading to the heart. And in his blog (drsharma.ca) he mentions that visceral fat can also cause thickness in the arteries that lead to the brain.

Two studies - one from Korea and one from Ireland — found that those with visceral fat had thickened carotid arteries. This puts people at risk for heart attack and stroke.

"Visceral fat can release substances that influence the

production of 'bad' cholesterol, another risk factor for heart disease. Interestingly, it is possible to be obese and not have visceral fat, and vice versa."

A Harvard University newsletter also warns that



Visceral fat is more dangerous than "regular" fat as it produces its own hormones, affecting metabolism and increasing blood fat levels.

visceral fat lies close to the portal vein, which carries blood from the intestinal area to the liver. Visceral fat can release substances that influence the production of "bad" cholesterol, another risk factor for heart disease. Interestingly, it is possible to be obese and not have visceral fat, and vice versa.

Visceral fat isn't easy to measure. Measuring BMI (body mass index) tells you whether you are normal, overweight or obese -BMI over 25 is considered overweight and over 30 is considered obese. But it doesn't indicate how your body stores fat and muscle.

Doctors nowadays also measure waist circumferreveals which whether fat stored around the belly. For women, a waist that measures more than 35 inches (88 cm) is considered quite risky. For men, 40 inches

(102 cm) is bad. A third test - waist-to-hip ratio — is also important. It calcu-

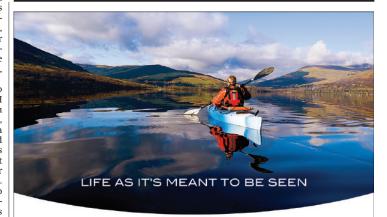
tween your waist circumference and your hips (you want a high number there). Pear-shaped people tend to have less visceral fat than apple-shaped peo-

What can you do if your doctor says you have visceral fat? You guessed it! Exercise. A study at Duke University found those who walked or jogged regularly made a significant dent in their visceral fat.

"Any weight loss, especially if combined with exercise, will help reduce belly fat," says Dr. Sharma.



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Fans of fast food chain White Castle's oniony hamburgers have a new way to indulge without any calorie guilt: a scented candle infused with the burgers' aroma. Proceeds from the sale of the \$10 candles will benefit Autism Speaks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES



# For a fragrant kitchen

For a scent that blends well with the aromas of your kitchen yet is gentle on the environment, try out Fruits & Passion's new Cucina water-based sprays (\$14/150 ml). The formula contains no hydrocarbons, alcohol or DE/DEH phthalates and is delivered in a recyclable container. The fragrance combinations include Pink Pepper and Anise, Lime Zest and Cypress and Coriander and Olive Oil, to name a few. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# **Food** in brief

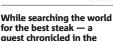
bygone menus of southern **BOOK** Pig, by cookbook writer James Villas, is nothing less country clubs, and baked double than a poem of porcine devopork chops stuffed with oysters tion, an ode to the idea that if suggest a rare decadence. A everything's better with bacon, whole chapter is devoted to bareverything else is better with becue, of course. And there's litanything hog-related (think tle regard for what your doctor skillet cornbread with might think of your meal: see deep-fried marinated pork cracklin's). A born-and-bred Southerner, the author offers a nuggets. Part memoir, part conjowl-to-tail primer on the anifessional, the book makes you mal's parts and their uses, inwade through a little TMI (too cluding 300 recipes. Crisp vet much information). yielding ham croquettes recall

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# **Great steak adventures**

Schatzker says trust taste buds and avoid feedlot beef

RICK MCGINNIS for Metro Canada



for the best steak — a quest chronicled in the book he has starkly

Mark Schatzker had what can only be described as a man's dream adventure.

He went on countless road trips, visited innumerable steakhouses, connected with long-lost relatives in Argentina, shopped Tokyo's surreally high-end food emporiums, and even got to play cowboy on the grassy hills of Idaho.

The Globe & Mail columnist and travel writer spent three years trying to come to what he describes as the "Grand Unified Theory of Steak" - cutting through the thicket of "facts" favouring marbling or grain- versus grass-feeding, into the denser scientific realm of hexane, beta-agonists, oneocten-3-ol and Maillard reactions. (The latter, in case you were curious, is what gives steak its tasty brown crust on the grill.)

A despairing early chap-ter of the book sees Schatzker in Texas, lost in steak country and seemingly unable to find a decent piece of beef anywhere he goes. "None of the beef I had was good," Schatzker recalls. "In a way there was no point in even going to Texas because you could eat that beef in New York. That's just where it's coming from — it's all fed the same way. The taste of American beef today is all controlled by a handful of feedlot nutritionists."

The feedlot — vast fattening pens darkly described by Schatzker as thick with clouds of fecal matter kicked up by the hooves of thousands of milling cattle - is the source of most of the beef we eat, fed on steamed and flaked corn to promote rapid growth of muscle and fat, a marvel of



Writer Mark Schatzker embarked on a "man's dream adventure"

for research for his new book Steak industrial agriculture far from the grassy open fields and slow maturation that Schatzker becomes convinced is the key to truly tasty steak. And if industrial beef pro-

duction is the problem, the modern steakhouse is just a distraction. "Steakhouses are kind of like Disney they sell you a themed ex-perience. You could go in there and pretend that you're in a saloon or a gentlemen's club — Lone Star or Ruth's Chris, it's the same thing. Some of them put a rub on them and

some of them drown them in butter but it's the same steak. There's no flavor; they add something in the kitchen, just like they add something to their decor."

Ultimately, Schatzker thinks we should trust our own taste buds, ignore experts, and demand beef raised far from the feedlot. "I think everyone needs to go a bit more slowly and stop worrying about consensus. I think this comes from wine culture, where everybody wants to be a connoisseur and there's a real fear of looking ignorant."

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Don Cheadle is set to be honoured as a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for his work to save the planet. The Hotel Rwanda actor first teamed up with the UN last year to front its climate change campaign, urging world leaders to sign a treaty limiting greenhouse gas emissions. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Entertainment

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# DVD picks



# Edge of **Darkness**

**Director: Martin Campbell** 

YOU MIGHT WANT to check your calendar while watching this paranoia thriller, and not just because it represents Mel Gibson's return to top-line action for the first time in eight years.

Edge of Darkness feels more like something from the shifty 1970s or 1980s than the supposedly enlightened 2010 of pro-ecology governments and corporations. The idea of politicians and capitalists conniving to put nukes ahead of safety and ethics seems more in line with Ronald Reagan's first term of office than Barack Obama's. And indeed, this is based on a 1985 BBC miniseries, directed by Martin Campbell (Casino Royale), that Campbell and writers William Monahan and Andrew Bovell have repurposed for the big screen.

A large amount of compression was necessary to take the original five hours down to around two, but the plot holds up well enough, thanks to Gibson's tense performance and Ray Winstone's spooky supporting turn. Gibson is Thomas Craven, a widowed Boston police detective, whose life goes to pieces and whose fists start flying when his only child Emma (Bojana Novakovic) is murdered by an unknown assailant.

It's not a fast-moving thriller, but that suits Gibson's older and heavier re-And it's nice to watch a movie where we get a chance to connect the dots before the bullets start flying again.

Extras include additional and alternate scenes and, on the Blu-ray disc, several making-of and backgrounder featurettes.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

# Songs of protest



couple of weeks ago a debate broke out on Twitter between Montreal indie rockers Stars and Toronto hardcore band F-ed Up. Stars wanted to boycott playing in Arizona until the state's recently passed law - which allows police to search for illegal immigrants by randomly asking people for ID was rescinded.

F-ed Up thought that was the wrong approach. "Why not keep playing Arizona, using the shows as an

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opportunity to engage the people there to get involved," wrote frontman wrote frontman Damian Abraham.

I'm with Abraham on this. A boycott by a Canadian band, which is mostly unknown in Arizona, isn't likely to have much of an effect on the law.

But if enough musicians get together and galvanize the American public they may just be able to get this policy changed. It's hap-pened before. Here are three moments where the power of music has led to social change.

# **Emancipation**

Protest music took two forms in the 18th and 19th centuries — whites singing songs about abolition to other whites (like the Hutchison Family Singers whose anti-slavery songs were heard by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln), and African Americans' singing spirituals, like the passionate Go Down Moses. Other songs, such as Wade in the Water, included instructions on the path black slaves could take to freedom. It was these songs that kept the fight for abolition going.

# Labour rights Most of us wish we could

work less, but there was a time when long hours and low pay were the norm.

Through the music of artists such as Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, and now Billy Bragg, songs about labour rights helped organize oppressed workers and gave people a reason to keep pressing on.

One of the most popular pro-union tunes is Ralph Chaplin's Solidarity Forever, which Seeger made fa-



Canadian hand Stars wanted to boycott concerts in Arizona.

mous. "Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong," goes the infectious folk chorus, which has been sung by countless picketers around the world. Vietnam

When most people think of protest music they think of Vietnam. This was when some of folk and rock's most famous musicians took to the streets to promote peace.

There was Bob Dylan's Blowin' In The Wind, a song that was used in the anti-war and civil rights movements, Joan Baez's

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Saigon Bride with lyrics "How many children must we kill, before the waves stand still?", and Jimi Hendrix's famously fuzzy version of Star Spangled Banner.

With many big name artists protesting the war, students across the country demonstrating and American casualties increasing, the U.S. government had no choice but to withdraw in 1973.

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na's housequest. Julia enlists the help of an old college flame to get her dad out of debt. Amber feels guilty about betraying Had-die. Crosby contemplates settling down with Jasmine and Jabbar in the new episode "Solace." 8 PM on CKEM; 11 PM on KHQ

Anna decides it may be best to leave after someone close to her is the victim of a violent attack. scientist who may have created a weapon that the Visitors fear. Morris Chestnut, Joel Gretsch and Scott Wolf also star in the new episode "Fruition" 8:02 PM

**18** entertainment

Rebecca Romijn is shocked at how different her twin daughters are, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 37-year-old actress — who had twins Dolly Rebecca Rose and Charlie Tamara Tulip takes delight in watching how her non-identical girls' personalities are changing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# **Celebrity Buzz**

# Lohan's stock dropping Katy Perry tops the

DROP MAY AFFECT CANADIAN **DOLLAR** Online stock-trading company E\*Trade has filed a motion to dismiss Lindsay Lohan's lawsuit against them as meritless, according to TMZ.

Lohan filed suit in March claiming the company's Super Bowl ad featuring a "milkaholic" baby named Lindsay was a dig at her. "We believe in the merits of the lawsuit and will be defending it vigorously,' Lohan's lawyer tells TMZ in response to the latest

Meanwhile, Michael Lohan is less than 'Mark my words, it's a blunder and the film will thrilled about flop," he tells Radar Ondaughter recent line. "Lindsay doesn't anneed to be looking at or nouncement she'll doing any films, music that star as adult or anything right now. film actress She needs rehab ... She will never be herself or Lovelace in be able to perform to movie the best of her about ability as long as she is on prescription medication." METRO WORLD

# Maxim Hot 100 list

I'M NOT SURE PERRY BEING taught you to skateboard

DEEMED HOT QUALIFIES AS and whistle and also looks NEW NEWS Katy Perry unbelievable in a bikiearned the top spot in Maxim magazine's Coming in at No. 2 annual Hot 100 list is swimsuit model the world's Brooklyn Decker, hottest women. who is currently "She's the best, filming a movie opposite Jennifer friend you suddenly realize Aniston. Blake vou've Saldana. loved your Lively and whole life," Megan round out the top five. the magazine's editors say. "The rad

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takes to Twitter to give her estranged daughter romantic advice, JOHN CUSACK wants to meet Banksy,

SARAH BROWN is finally relaxing after heavy campaigning, and MATTHEW PERRY is disappointed with technolo-

@CourtnevLoveUK i really hope that boy is as nice as his sweet face, cos iff not ill get him, your just like me in almost every way and i know you hate it, there's plenty of fish in the sea lining up for both of us who will treat us like princesses & not like 2nd class citizens, or damaged goods

@johncusack @Banksyart2 love your stuff man.. we gotta meet up one day.

@SarahBrown10 had lovely 24 hour family break in Scotland, glass of wine, sort of a lie in, good to see many Fife friends at local church now back again

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the ipad read it for me? Do I have to do everything?

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# Miller joining Kabbalah?

SCIENTOLOGY WAS ALL FULL IT APPEAR Sienna Miller has prompted speculation she has converted to Kabbalah, after stepping out in New York wearing the faith's bracelet, which is a common symbol.

# **Brown proposes to Etheridge**

MAYBE SHE NEVER HEARD ABOUT HIS PAST During a recent Florida concert, Bobby Brown surprised fans by proposing to girlfriend Ali-Etheridge on stage, cording to People magazine.

month-old son together. Brown was married to Whitney Houston for 15 tumultuous years. shouted, we screamed. We support him," a fan says of witnessing the proposal. "Hopefully he'll get it right this time." METRO WORLD NEWS

# Avril, Brody get closer

IS IT STILL COOL TO BLEND CELEB COUPLE NAMES? 'CUZ BRAVRIL SOUNDS LIKE A HEADACHE MEDICINE They've been getting cosy at clubs around Los Angeles and even

turned up the heat during a recent Las Vegas trip but how serious are Avril Lavigne and Brody Ien-

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ready met the parents, people.com reports. At Friday's Race to Erase MS gala at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in L.A., they shared a table with family, including Jenner's mom, Linda Thompson, whom Lavigne

ple? Looks like they've al-

greeted with a long hug. METRO WORLD NEWS

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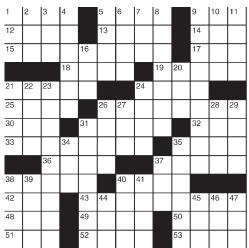








# **Take Five**



## Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		7	6			2	1	
8						9		4
	5			4				6
	1				6	5		
			3		9			
		2	8				6	
2				7			9	
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	8	5			4	3		

1 Roe provider 5 Big fusses 9 Kennel squeal 12 Day fraction 13 Surrounded 14 Rhyming praise 15 Ouotable catcher 17 Solidify 18 Three-piece piece 19 Leavening agent 21 Check recipient 24 Oil cartel 25 "Once — a time, ... 26 Parts of brains 30 Possibly will 31 Turning point 32 Diane Sawyer's network 33 One making a vow 35 Norway's capital 36 Song for two

37 Assail

38 Ecru

#### 40 Old pronoun 42 Hearty brew 43 Sailors' chant 48 Cudgel 49 Eternally

50 Street 52 "— of Our Lives"

51 Type measures 53 Odds' mates 1 Bashful 2 "Yoo--!" 3 Sept. preceder 4 Strongly motivated 5 Quite some time 6 Gossip 7 Bobby of hockey 8 "Don't go anywhere 9 Where people meet for a stretch? 10 Mid-month date 11 Hide

20 Slithery fish

28 Competent 29 Highlander

vessel

46 Possessed

2 1 4 5 8 3

3 4

9 6 3 2 5

47 "— bodkins!"

1

9 8

4 2 9

daily

JOB

HUNTING

101

8 3

37 Feathery neckwear

39 Verve 40 Some other

people 41 Not his 44 Eggs 45 A billion years

16 Spelling contest

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9

4 8

6 1 3 7 9 2 8 5

3 6

7

3 6 2 1

4 9 5 8 6 7 3

5 7

8 2 3 4 9 5

9 4 6 2 5

5

ING IN "SALES," MOM. HAT SOUNDS PERFECT FOR ME: I LOVE A GOOD SALE!

8 7

21 Gasoline dispenser 22 On — with (equal to) 23 Plans with frequent gains and losses 24 Stench 26 Atomizer output 27 Previous night 31 Inebriated 34 Oktoberfest 35 Body of work 38 George Herman Ruth

Moroccan **Chicken with** 

# **Couscous** INGREDIENTS

Chicken 1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts 1 tbsp olive oil 1 onion, chopped 2 garlic cloves, chopped 1 tsp cumin 1 tsp coriander 1 cinnamon stick 2 zucchini, halved and

Metro Recipe of the Day

398 ml can diced tomatoes 1 cup vegetable broth 1/2 lb sugar snap peas 398 ml can chickpeas, rinsed

Couscous 1 cup couscous 1 tbsp olive oil 1 1/2 cups boiling water 2 tsp butter Salt and pepper to taste Chopped fresh cilantro pieces

## METHOD:

1. Slice chicken on diagonal. Heat oil in skillet. Add chicken, onion and garlic; cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until chicken turns white.

2. Reduce heat to low and add cumin, coriander and cinnamon. Cook, stirring, 1 minute Add zucchini and stir well, then add tomatoes with their juice and broth. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasion-

3. Meanwhile, put couscous in pot and pour over boiling water. Add oil. Stir, cover and leave to soak, off heat, 5 minutes.

4. Add sugar snaps and chickpeas to chicken. Cook 5 minutes, stirring.

5. Stir butter into couscous and cook over moderate heat 3 minutes, fluffing with fork. Pile couscous onto serving platter. Spoon chicken on top and garnish with cilantro.

**SERVES 4** 

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#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

# Mercury, planet of the mind, turns in your favour today, and the most likely result is that you will adopt a more practical attitude to money matters.

# **SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Some kind of upheaval is likely today, most likely involving your finances, but there is precious little vou can do about it except sit tight and ride out the storm.

# **TAURUS**

## APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your mind will be working well today and whether you arrive at conclusions through logic or intuition the results will be good..

# **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22 Change is positive, change is good, and if you keep repeating that fact to yourself today sooner or later you will start to be-

## **GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21 The deeper you go into a prob-lem the more complicated it seems to get. Which suggests that you are trying too hard. Focus on something else.

On the web

# **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21

If you need help from those

with more experience than you then now is the time to ask for it. People will be happy to point you in the right direction.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Make an effort to finish a task you started a while back but never got round to completing. There are new opportunities on

#### the horizon CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

You no doubt feel that you can take on the world and win, and maybe you can, but there are still issues you don't fully understand, so be careful.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may not take kindly to disagreement — and why should you when you are right and others are wrong? — but it will pay to be a bit more tolerant today.

#### **AQUARIUS** JAN 21-FEB 18

You may feel vaguely uneasy today but there is little to be worried about. In fact, good news about a family situation should reach you by the end of the day.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

You should find it a lot easier to understand opposing view-points today. That doesn't points today. mean you will agree with them though.

# **PISCES**

## FFR 10-MARCH 20

A difficult decision will come easy to you now. Also, if you have to say something a little unpleasant now is the time to give voice to your thoughts.

## This day in history

1820: Launch of HMS Beagle, the ship that took Charles Darwin on his scientific voyage. 1867: Luxembourg gains its independence.

1927: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

is founded.

1968: The Toronto Transit Commission opens the largest expansion of its Bloor-Danforth Line, going to Scarborough in the east, and Etobicoke in the west. 1987: In Baltimore, Md., The first heart-lung transplant takes place. The surgery is performed by Dr. Bruce Reitz, of Stanford University School of Medicine.

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